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**HOUSE APPROVES FUNDS TO HELP UPGRADE
ST. CROIX FALLS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Army Corps of Engineers Says Plant Must be Improved to Meet State Standards

WASHINGTON, D.C. â€“ Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey announced today that the House of Representatives has approved his request for \$450,000 in the Energy and Water appropriations bill to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to move ahead with City of St. Croix Falls to design and implement necessary improvements to their wastewater treatment plant.

“We’ve been working to help renovate St. Croix Falls’ wastewater treatment plant to meet the City’s growing needs and protect the St. Croix River,” said Obey. “This money should allow the Corps of Engineers and the City to move forward with the project.”

St. Croix Falls’ existing wastewater plant - which feeds into the St. Croix River “must be improved to meet Wisconsin DNR’s environmental standards. In the 2005 Omnibus appropriations bill Obey secured authorization for the Army Corps of Engineers to help St. Croix Falls with the project. These funds are intended to allow the Corps to continue to work with the community.

However, “the bill must still be approved by the Senate and signed by the President before it becomes law , but having

these funds included in today's House approved version means that a major hurdle has been cleared," Obey noted.

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